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SUBJECT: OPPORTUNITIES INDUSTRIALIZATION CENTERS
INTERNATIONAL (O.I.C.I.)/ADDITIONAL FIELD STUDIES

1. AS FIELD POSTS MAY BE AWARE, THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
FOREIGN RELATIONS HAS EXPRESSED IT'S INTENT THAT ADDITIONAL
FUNDS BE PROVIDED TO O.I.C.I. TO EXPAND THEIR OVERSEAS
ACTIVITIES. ACCORDINGLY, THE OFFICE OF AFRICA REGIONAL
AFFAIRS HAS CONTRACTED WITH OPPORTUNITIES INDUSTRIALIZATION
CENTERS, INTERNATIONAL (O.I.C.I.) TO "INVESTIGATE THE
FEASIBILITY OF ASSISTING LOCAL GROUPS, BOTH PUBLIC AND
PRIVATE, TO DEVELOP MANPOWER TRAINING AND OTHER ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES IN AFRICA."

2. THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT O.I.C.I. WILL FIELD TWO
(2) TEAMS AS FOLLOWS: WEST AFRICA (4 EXPERTS FOR 3/4
WEEKS IN EACH COUNTRY) -- WILL EXPLORE POTENTIALS FOR
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN GAMBIA AND TOGO: EAST

AFRICA (3 EXPERTS FOR 3/4 WEEKS IN EACH COUNTRY)-- WILL PERFORM THE SAME FUNCTIONS IN ZAMBIA AND BOTSWANA.

3. STILL UNDER DISCUSSION WITH THE AFRICA BUREAU IS A PROPOSAL FOR TEAM PERSONNEL TO REVIEW POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN THE ENTENTE STATE AS THEY RELATE TO THE EXISTING AID ASSISTED ENTREPRENEURIAL PROGRAM WITH THE ENTENTE FUND. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS REGARD. FINALLY, SUBJECT TO AMBASSADOR BOLEN'S

CONCURRENCE, ONE MEMBER OF THE EAST AFRICA TEAM MAY INFORMALLY EXPLORE POTENTIAL INTEREST/FEASIBILITY O.I.C.I. PROGRAM IN LESOTHO (ALTHOUGH NOT AS FULLY AS DESCRIBED BELOW.

4. THE PRINCIPLE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH TEAM ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) TO COLLECT INFORMATION WHICH CAN BE USED AS A BASIS FOR FORMULATING INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITY PROPOSALS, WHERE WARRANTED, FOR REVIEW AND POSSIBLE FUNDING BY A.I.D.

(B) TO PREPARE ACTIVITY PROPOSALS WHERE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES MEET ESTABLISHED CRITERIA.

(C) TO ASSESS LOCAL INTEREST -- BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE-- IN INITIATING NEW ACTIVITIES AND TO DEVELOP A SCHEDULE DURING WHICH TOTAL SUPPORT FOR EACH ACTIVITY WILL BE PROVIDED FROM LOCAL SOURCES.

5. EXPLORATIONS WILL BE DIRECTED MAINLY AT THOSE PROSPECTIVE ACTIVITIES WHICH APPEAR SUFFICIENTLY LARGE IN SCOPE AND IN MAGNITUDE AS TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON HOST COUNTRY TRAINING AND/OR DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. IN THIS REGARD, ONE OR TWO LARGER ACTIVITIES WILL BE GIVEN PREFERENCE OVER THREE OR FOUR SMALLER ONES.

6. O.I.C.I. HAS AGREED THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ANY TEAM MEMBER INDICATE TO ANY HOST COUNTRY PERSON, EITHER ON AN EXPRESS OR IMPLIED BASIS, THAT ANY PROJECT OR PART THEREOF HAS BEEN APPROVED. PROJECTS CAN ONLY BE APPROVED BY AID/W IN CONSULTATION WITH THE FIELD POSTS.

7. SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF COUNTRY VISITS WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

(A) WEST AFRICA (4 MAN TEAM)

GAMBIA -- REVIEW JOINT COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF O.I.C. MANPOWER TRAINING PROGRAMS IN UNCLASSIFIED

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BANJUL AND INVESTIGATE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO SMALL AGRO/INDUSTRIAL BUSINESSES.

TOGO -- INVESTIGATE COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING AN O.I.C. MANPOWER AND ENTREPRENEURIAL TRAINING PROGRAM.

(B) EAST AFRICA (3 MAN TEAM)

BOTSWANA -- REVIEW A COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN O.I.C. MANPOWER AND ENTREPRENEURIAL

TRAINING PROGRAM AND/OR ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT WITH PLANS TO EXPAND ITS MANPOWER AND ENTREPRENEURIAL TRAINING CAPABILITIES, PARTICULARLY AS SUCH EFFORTS RELATE TO THE AREAS OF GABORONE, FRANCISTOWN, AND SELEBI-PIKWE. ZAMBIA -- REVIEW COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT INTEREST IN ESTAB- OF AN O.I.C. MANPOWER AND ENTREPRENEURIAL TRAINING AC- TIVITY AND A SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. 8. BOTH TEAMS WILL DISCUSS WITH HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND PROGRAMS TO WHICH O.I.C.I.

MIGHT MAKE USEFUL CONTRIBUTIONS. SUCH POSSIBLE NEW EFFORTS MIGHT INCLUDE AUGMENTS TO GOVERNMENT AND/OR PRIVATE ACTIVITIES IN AGRICULTURE, AGRO-INDUSTRY, AND RURAL DEVE- LOPMENT. - - -

9. WHILE NO DIRECT MISSION OR EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IS SPECI- FICALLY REQUIRED, TEAM MEMBERS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME WISH TO CONSULT WITH APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND SPECIFIC TIMING OF TRIPS WILL BE PROVIDED SHORTLY. REQUEST CONCURRENCE IN PRINCIPLE. KISSINGER UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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